

**TENNESSEE GENERAL ASSEMBLY
FISCAL REVIEW COMMITTEE**



FISCAL NOTE

HB 2202 - SB 2335

April 2, 2009

SUMMARY OF BILL: Broadens the definition of “critical stages of the criminal justice process” for purposes of notifying victims under the victims’s rights constitutional amendment to include any hearing on a motion to continue or any other similar hearing that may adversely impact a victim’s right to a speedy trial or disposition and a prompt and final conclusion of the case.

ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT:

**Increase State Expenditures - \$33,000/One-Time
\$601,200/Recurring**

Assumptions:

- According to the District Attorneys General Conference (DAGC), there will be a substantial increase in the number of additional notifications due to the large number of continuances in criminal cases.
- The DAGC will need 10 additional assistant victim witness coordinators for the largest metropolitan counties. The recurring cost is \$601,196.30 reflecting salaries (\$340,800) plus benefits (\$195,896.30) and \$64,500 for travel, supplies, rentals, and other related items for the 10 positions. One-time costs of \$33,000 (\$3,300 x 10) reflecting computers, furniture, and other related items for the 10 positions.

CERTIFICATION:

This is to duly certify that the information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "James W. White".

James W. White, Executive Director

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